

(David Zamierowski - Additional Claims)

19. A wound dressing, which includes:

- (a) wound covering means with a skin contact surface and an outer surface;
- (b) means for releaseably attaching said wound covering means to a patient in covering relation over a wound;
- (c) said wound covering means having an <sup>interior portion with an</sup> opening extending between and open at the skin contact and outer surfaces thereof;
- (d) said wound covering means comprising a semi-permeable material; and
- (e) <sup>and terminating adjacent said skin contact surface</sup> tube means having a proximate end extending through said opening and a distal end located outwardly from said outer surface, said tube means fluidically communicating with said skin contact surface.

20. A wound dressing, which includes:

(a) wound covering means including:

- (1) first and second panels each having a perimeter and an edge;
- (2) each said panel having an inner contact surface and an outer surface;
- (3) a seam extending transversely across said dressing and extending outwardly from said outer surface of said panels, said seam comprising said panels being connected together at their respective contact surfaces adjacent to their respective edges; and
- (4) a tube opening through said seam between said panel contact surfaces, *and intermediate said seam ends*, said tube opening extending between and open at said adjacent perimeter edges and said contact surface;

(b) an adhesive coating on said panel contact surfaces; and

(c) a tube including proximate and distal ends, said *and terminating adjacent said skin contact surface* tube extending through said tube opening adjacent to its proximate end with said tube proximate end being positioned adjacent to said contact surface.

*, said seam having opposite ends*

21. A method of dressing a wound surrounded by unwounded skin, which comprises the steps of:

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- (a) applying a semi-permeable covering comprising first and second panels each including a skin contact surface, an outer surface, and a perimeter with an edge over the wound;
- (b) releaseably and adhesively attaching said skin contact surfaces of said panels to said unwounded skin around said wound;
- (c) forming a seam <sup>with opposite ends and</sup> extending transversely across said covering by adhesively engaging said panel contact surfaces along respective strips adjacent to said edges thereof;
- (d) providing an opening open at said perimeter edges and at said contact surface between said interconnected strips <sup>and intermediate said seam opposite ends</sup>;
- (e) extending a tube with open proximate and distal ends through said tube opening;
- (f) positioning said tube proximate end adjacent to said seam <sup>and said skin contact surface</sup>; and
- (g) alternately irrigating ~~(medicating?)~~ and draining said wound through said tube.

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22. A wound dressing, which includes:

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- (a) wound covering means with a skin contact surface and an outer surface;
  - (b) means for releasably attaching said wound covering means to a patient in covering relation over a wound;
  - (c) said wound covering means having an opening extending between and open at the skin contact and outer surfaces thereof;
  - (d) said wound covering means comprising a semi-permeable material; and
  - (e) tubular connector means having approximate *and terminating adjacent said skin contact surface* end extending through said opening and a distal end located outwardly from said outer surface, said tubular connector means fluidically communicating with said skin contact surface and comprising a flexible, collapsible material.

23. A wound dressing, which includes:

22 (a) wound covering means including:

(1) first and second panels each having a perimeter and an edge strip demarcated by a fold line, each said edge strip being folded outwardly from a remainder of a respective panel;

(2) each said panel having inner contact surface and an outer surface;

(3) a seam extending transversely across a dressing and extending outwardly from said outer surfaces of said panels, said seam comprising said edge strips being

*said seam having opposite ends*  
connected together at their respective contact surfaces; and

(4) a tube opening extending through said *and intermediate said seam ends* seam between said edge strips, said tube opening extending between and open at said panel perimeters adjacent to said edge strips and said contact surface;

(b) an adhesive coating on said panel contact surfaces; and

(c) a tubular connector including ~~approximate~~ *and* distal ends, said tubular connector extending through said tube opening adjacent to its ~~approximate~~ end with said tube ~~approximate~~ *and terminating* end being positioned adjacent to said contact surface, said tubular connector comprising a flexible, collapsible material.